

NATIONAL LATINO AIDS
AWARENESS DAY

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Madam Speaker, today I would like to recognize National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. Today marks the fifth consecutive year that the U.S. has acknowledged October 15th as National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. This day presents us with the important opportunity to remember that Latinos, who represent only 14 percent of the population, account for nearly 19 percent of all AIDS cases. Today there are approximately 200,000 Latinos living with AIDS in the U.S.

Latinos make up the fastest growing minority population in the United States. Therefore, it is increasingly important that we work to achieve equality in treatment and ensure that Latinos who suffer from HIV and AIDS do not face barriers to care. National Latino AIDS Awareness Day serves both as a day of remembrance for those who are living with or have lost their lives to AIDS as well as a day to promote awareness of this disease among the Latino population.

TRIBUTE TO LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL
UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a talented group of students from Lawrence Technological University in Southeastern Michigan for being selected to compete in the U.S. Department of Energy's 2007 Solar Decathlon. Lawrence Tech's AloeTerra team is one of just twenty teams from across the United States, Europe and Canada chosen to participate in this event.

The Solar Decathlon is an international competition organized by the Department of Energy that brings together young people from many countries to design, build and operate an energy-efficient, completely solar-powered house. More than that, the Solar Decathlon is a chance to engage the public on how small changes in building and design practices can have a big impact. With rising energy prices and increased public concern over global warming, Americans want to know what they can do in their own lives to use energy more efficiently and cleanly. Indeed, the name of the Lawrence Tech team says it all: AloeTerra means "healing the land."

At the same time, there is a large and growing world market for renewable energy and efficiency technologies. This market is worth hundreds of billions of dollars over the next decade. Clean energy creates good jobs, and that is something that all of us should encourage.

I am proud that Lawrence Technological University is in the 12th Congressional District and I am proud to represent these bright young people who have worked so hard to show how sustainability, aesthetics, and comfort can coexist. I urge all my colleagues to go

down to the National Mall where the twenty Solar Decathlon teams have assembled their homes into a solar village.

TRIBUTE TO MARY LEE SLATER,
A LIFE OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS,
CARING AND PROMISE

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to pay tribute to the late Mary Lee Slater, a mother of four, and grandmother to an only grandson. She died on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 and will be buried this Friday October 19, 2007 at Bethany Seventh Day Adventist Church in Miami, Florida where she was a member for many years.

Born on March 1, 1935 to the late Murdic and Illinois Jordan in Soperton, Georgia, she was the oldest of four siblings: James, Elvin, Floyd and Randolph. She moved to Miami, Florida with her family where she attended public schools, graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in 1953. She attended Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia.

Mary worked in the insurance industry for more than 30 years as an agent for such companies as Atlanta Life and American General. Because of her outstanding professionalism, work ethic and dedication to her career, she received numerous honors and awards including National Sales Achievement Award and Outstanding Sales Achievement Recognition.

Effectively balancing work and family, Mary was the dedicated mother of four loving children, Michael, Ronald, Surette and Illka. She was also the proud grandmother of one grandson, David "Boom Boom" Jonathan whom she loved and adored.

Always demonstrating love for her community, Mary was President of the High Ridge Neighborhood Improvement Association. With a reputation for helping others, solving problems and improving her community, she was a source of inspiration and wisdom. One of Mary's favorite programs was the Association's annual Thanksgiving Dinner, which provided an opportunity for residents, families and friends to gather in fellowship to give thanks to God for His many blessings. Mary received numerous awards and honors for her dedication and commitment to the community, including Making a Difference Award from Team Metro and Inner City Education Foundation Parent Club. She also served on the Model City/Brownsville Charrette Steering Committee.

A committed servant of God, whatever church Mary was a member of, she stood out as a beacon of light, who demonstrated the love of God to whomever she met. An active member in her church, Mary served on several ministries. She was a Deaconess, Sabbath School Teacher and dedicated servant. Her walk with God was evident. At Bethany Seventh Day Adventist Church, she was honored by the Sabbath School Department for Outstanding and Dedicated Service. Mary loved her church family.

Last Tuesday, Mary heard and answered her Lord's call to rest. She leaves to cherish

and celebrate her life four loving children, Michael, Ronald, Surette Sands (Christopher), and Illka; one grandson, David "Boom Boom" Jonathan; three brothers James Jordan (Loretta) of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Elvin Floyd Jordan (Sandra) of Oakland, California and Randolph of Miami, Florida; and a host of relatives and friends. May God bless her soul and grant her eternal rest.

MOTIVA ENTERPRISES

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, on January 10, 1901, the world changed. It was on this cold day in Jefferson County, Texas, the Gladys City Oil, Gas, and Manufacturing Company discovered the largest oil reserve the world had ever seen. Since that day the modern petroleum age has been upon us and Jefferson County, Texas, has been a leader in the oil and gas industry, fueling our Nation's economy. With Motiva Enterprises recently announced expansion of their Port Arthur Refinery, this tradition of leadership will continue into the future.

Motiva Enterprises will be expanding their 104-year-old Port Arthur Refinery, becoming the largest refinery in the Nation. When construction is complete, it will produce 600,000 barrels of crude oil per day. This project will generate an economic boost to southeast Texas by bringing in 5,000 construction jobs and 300 permanent jobs.

Motiva is more than just an oil company; it is an active corporate citizen concerned about all aspects of the community where it resides. By putting together a community Citizens Action Committee composed of representatives from across the community, Motiva has helped address the community's concerns about health, jobs, environment, education, and children. Through the work of this committee and Motiva, the Motiva Youth Training Academy was opened. This academy partners with local businesses to provide juniors and seniors at local high schools with training to help them transition from high school into a professional career or to higher education.

Motiva is to be commended on its corporate citizenship and giving back to communities not only in southeast Texas but across the Nation.

And that's just the way it is.

IN HONOR OF THE EXTRAORDINARY
PUBLIC SERVICE OF MICHAEL J. MADONNA

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 15, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Michael J. Madonna for his extraordinary service to the people of the State of New Jersey, and particularly to its law enforcement community.

Last month, Mike retired as President of the New Jersey State Policemen's Benevolent Association. He's been active with the PBA since 1968, when he became the State Delegate of